(c) The Central Government has constituted a Central Monitoring Committee to monitor implementation of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, and is implementing the National Child Labour Project Scheme wherein bridge education alongwith stipend, mid-day meal, health check-up are provided to the children withdrawn from work in the hazardous occupations and processes.

(d) Begging is not listed in the Schedule to the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 listing hazardous occupations and processes. However, under the National Charter for Children Resolution passed by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the Government is committed to protect children from all forms of economic exploitation and the prevent their use in any illegal activities such as prostitution and begging etc.

Social security to unemployed persons

1041. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to provide social security to unemployed persons in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to cover all those unemployed persons also who could not be provided employment within a specific time period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) The Government is committed to providing social security to the workers in the unorganized sector, many of whom are unemployed. In this context, the Government has already introduced a Bill in the Parliament.

For providing smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs.30,000/- to such workers , the 'Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' was launched on 1st October, 2007. The scheme has become operational from 01.04.2008. All BPL families would be covered under the scheme whether employed or unemployed.

To provide death and disability cover to rural landless households between the age group of the 18 to 59 years, the Government launched the "Aam Admi Bima Yojana".

Indira Gandhi National Old Age pension Scheme provides for old age pension to all citizens above the age of 65 years and living below the poverty line.

Extending INDUS project on eradication of child labour

1042. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has chosen not to extend the INDUS project on eradicating child labour, being implemented in partnership with the United States;